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## No charges against Maine couple who packed bag to look like bomb

**SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)** - No charges will be filed against a Maine couple arrested at San Jose International Airport for packing materials to look like a bomb in their luggage and attaching a note deriding security workers.

Paul Donahue, 50, and Teresa Wood, 46, both of Machias, Maine, were arrested Tuesday on felony charges of possession of a false bomb after Transportation Security Administration workers discovered a snowboot with a battery pack and a power strip attached to it in the couple's luggage.

Airport screeners opened the suspicious bag after viewing it through an X-ray machine, and discovered the items with a note attached to them.

"To the uniformed puppet opening this -- congratulations. You've just brought this once free nation one step closer to becoming a fascist police state," the note read.

The couple already had boarded Delta Flight 576, scheduled to fly from San Jose to Atlanta, but were removed from the plane in San Jose and arrested.

Assistant District Attorney Karyn Sinunu said Friday that no charges were filed because the belongings in the suitcase were not a fake bomb. If the couple had a fake bomb, they could have been sentenced to a maximum three years in prison if convicted.